

## DEMOCRATS LED HOUSE BOLT

WANTED CONSIDERATION OF CONSTITUTION CONVENTION BILL

RULED OUT OF ORDER

Appropriation Bill Passed  
and Sent to Council

Headed by Representative Scott Ferris of Comanche county the eleven Democrats of the house bolted yesterday afternoon and left the house, many of them not returning until after adjournment. It all came up because the Republicans refused to consider the constitutional convention bill and the Democrats were also miffed because of some ruling by Speaker Norton.

Immediately after the passage of the general appropriation bill, soon after the noon hour, the report of the sitting committee was made by Mr. Ballinger, the chairman. The report did not include bills Nos. 156 and 345, known as the constitutional convention bills. Immediately Mr. Ferris of Comanche moved to have these two bills also reported out of the committee and placed on the calendar for discussion. Mr. Levy and other Democrats seconded the motion. On the viva voce vote the Republicans were not watching and the Democrats carried the motion, the speaker so declaring. Then the Republicans demanded another vote on the proposition and Mr. Levy asked that the roll be called. The result was a tie, two members absent. McBride and Taylor were again the only Republicans to vote with the Democrats. The speaker declared the motion lost.

Mr. Levy then made a motion, that the sitting committee be requested to report out these bills, and Mr. Ferris seconded it. A time ensued because the speaker held the motion out of order. Ferris refused to take his seat and demanded that the bills be placed on the calendar, insisting that when even one member made such a demand that it should be granted under the rules. He was held out of order by the speaker, who at once recognized another member and other bills were taken up. Mr. Ferris gave notice that he would call up the constitutional convention bills at every session and demand that they be considered. It was then that all the Democrats left the house, except Mr. Maxwell, when the speaker had called to preside in the committee of the whole and he could not get away. Robinson, Levy, Ferris and other Democrats came to the lobby door and motioned Mr. Maxwell to follow them, but he was protesting and could not leave.

The sergeant at arms was ordered to bring back the absent members, but he found only Mr. Levy and Mr. Logan. The former almost immediately left again but the sergeant at arms guarded the door and prevented Mr. Logan from getting away. As soon as the committee of the whole arose, Mr. Maxwell "beat a sneak" and also left. Mr. Logan being the only Democrat in the house. Mr. Fuller and Mr. Hogg returned shortly before the session ended, but the other Democrats did not return until after adjournment. Several of the minority representatives visited the senate during the afternoon and others were out around town. Mr. Ferris, before leaving, had announced that the journal show he had made a demand for the consideration of these bills.

It was impossible for the eleven Democrats to block business and break a quorum, for there are fifteen republican members and fourteen constitute a quorum.

During the absence of the members the house took up Mr. Ferris' bill, permitting mutual insurance companies to insure growing crops and other property, and recommended it for passage.

**Finishing Touches on Appropriations.**

The finishing touches were put on the general appropriation bill during the first hour of the afternoon, with Mr. McBride presiding in the committee of the whole. There was no attempt made, as had been threatened, to amend the bill by striking out the Levy amendment which allows only older students in the schools. On motion of Lydyck the bill was recommended for passage. The committee at once arose and the bill was placed on its final passage. It takes fourteen votes to pass a bill and the appropriation bill

polled but fifteen, to its credit on final passage. The vote was as follows: Ballinger, Becker, Bone, Bryan, Lydyck, Fuller, Gandy, Jester, Lydyck, Bryant, Ross, Taylor, Walker, Wood and Speaker Norton; those voting against the bill were Craig, Ferris, Ingmire, Levy, Logan, Maxwell, McBride, Noffsinger and Robinson. Mr. Chairman was absent.

The bill now goes to the senate where it will be taken up immediately for consideration. This is the first time in the history of the territory that the general appropriation bill has been passed by either house before the closing day.

During the afternoon, following the passage of the bill, Mr. Daniels of Dewey insisted that he had examined the engrossed general appropriation bill and found it not correctly engrossed and demanded that it be returned to the committee for correction. There was an evident disposition not to grant Daniels' demand until he threatened to make an exposure of "some things that have happened unless this demand is granted." He added "that I do not want to give these things away." No body knows what Daniels' demand was granted by a motion being made to reconsider the vote on the appropriation bill. This carried and the things Daniels desired corrected were attended to. Then the bill was again finally passed by a vote of 15 to 2. The bolting Democrats were out at the time. Mr. Maxwell says he will ask that the investigating committee probe into the Daniels charges so that if anything rotten has taken place the people may know of it.

**Oil Men Here.**

A party of oil men arrived today by special car over the Katy, to a fight on the Fuller bill locating a state oil refinery in Payne county. The oil men The house concurred in the senate amendments to Prouty's roads bill, the amendments cutting the road or toll tax to \$2 per annum and allowing a county levy of five mills for good roads purposes. The house also concurred in the senate amendments to the Norton bill placing a flag on or in every school house, Ballinger's military bill and Gayman's bill changing the days of the week on which teachers examinations are held. The senate amended the military bill by cutting out the most of the salaries for officers.

**Quail amendment Sticker.**

The house refused to accept the report of the conference committee on its amendment to the Decker game bill, and another conference committee was named, composed of Representatives Walker, Wood and Levy, and Senators Murphy, Alexander and Woodson. The house amendment to the bill prohibits the killing of quail and prairie chickens in Oklahoma for five years.

**Passed Several Bills.**

The house passed Mr. Maxwell's bill, on third reading, which makes railroads and other common carriers responsible for property accepted for transportation. All voted for the bill except Speaker Norton. Messrs Bone, Fuller, Ingmire, Levy and Taylor were absent.

Mr. Ballinger's bill was passed, which prohibits physicians from practicing in a county until their certificates are filed with the register of deeds. Messrs Bone, Hogg, Ingmire and Ross voted against the bill, and Maxwell, Levy and Fuller were absent.

Mr. Levy's bill was passed, which permits counties to hold special elections to vote on propositions to prospect for oil and gas. Maxwell and Robinson cast the only dissenting votes, and Wood and Bone were absent.

Mr. Ballinger's bill was passed, which prohibits life and endowment insurance companies from discriminating in premiums and other benefits of insured. There were nine votes against Logan, Prouty, Ross, Taylor, Walker and Speaker Norton, and Wood was absent.

Mr. Lydyck's bill was passed, which places teachers in territorial educational institutions under Civil Service rules and makes them forfeit their positions if they "monkey" in politics. Becker, Daniels, Gandy, Ingmire, McBride and Walker voted against the bill, and Bone and Wood were absent.

**Committee of Whole Work.**

Following the report of the sitting committee, the house went into the committee of the whole to discuss the bills reported favorably by the officers.

Mr. Maxwell was called to the chair and this prevented him bolting with the other Democrats for about an hour. All the following bills were recommended for passage:

Senator Scott's bill which provides that court judgments may become lien on the property of the defendant.

Mr. Gandy's bill allowing counties to vote on propositions of issuing bonds to reclaim inundated lands.

Mr. Ross' bill, requiring peddlers of certain articles to pay a license.

Mr. Fuller's bill providing for the forfeiture of franchises, in case any



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Mr. Ferris' bill permitting mutual insurance companies to insure growing crops and other property.

Mr. Gayman's bill, which amends the law for which private corporations may be created by allowing persons to incorporate for the purpose of buying, or otherwise acquiring, holding, selling, leasing, mortgaging or otherwise disposing of real estate of any interest therein.

Mr. Taylor's bill, governing the organization and operation of mutual insurance companies.

Mr. Walker asked that his bill be stricken from the calendar, which would change the law so that a majority of the voters in a school district instead of two-thirds could pass upon a proposition.

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**BEN CRAVENS AGAIN.**

Excited Citizens Believe They Have Ubiquitous Outlaw Located.

**Ardmore, I. T., March 8.**—The small towns and the settlements in Comancha mountain district northwest of this city, are greatly excited over the recent bank robberies in that section and are convinced that Ben Craven has reorganized the band, which once terrorized Indian Territory and Oklahoma. Last Wednesday night the bank at Clarksville was robbed, the bank at Vian was blown up to pieces, and the safe in the Frisco depot was blown open and robbed. In each instance it appears that there were but three men engaged and all the robberies occurred about the same time at night. This led the citizens of that section and some of the officers to believe that all these robberies were planned by one gang of men in order to get enough booty to move to another section and yet out of the country if forced to, a squad of three men being detailed to do each robbery.

One of the most prominent mustang men of Choska was here today. He says that it is certain that Ben Craven has been hiding in the Comancha hills since he escaped from prison. Last summer, Len Brisco, one of the old Cravens gang, was seen in Choska and was captured near that place. It is believed that this was the base of operations for a gang of robbers that has been operating more or less in Indian Territory for over a year. Len Brisco made his last fight at Choska when he was captured and taken back to Leavenworth where he killed two guards when he escaped. It is believed that this untimely discovery was the only thing that averted a hold-up of the entire village of Choska. The officers stumbled into the gang unaware and the robbers dispersed even without the officers knowing what was about to happen. The capture of Brisco checked the things up for a while, but the merchants in the small towns, especially

those who handle a great deal of cotton money, have been expecting robbery for a long time and have kept prepared. It is almost impossible to trace any of the gang in the Comancha hills, because the farmers in that region will accommodate them and keep it secret, not because they want to shield them, but they are afraid to refuse. Of all three of the robberies Wednesday night not a clew is found as to the identity of the guilty ones.

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